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To: Assistant Directors, State Directors, External Affairs Chiefs

From: Director, Office of Fire and Aviation

Subject: Request for Detailers for the National Incident Information Center at NIFC
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Purpose: The National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) External Affairs group, which consists of representatives from all the land management agencies, is now beginning to plan for the 2005 summer fire season. As we have done in the past, when fire activity merits significant regional, national and international media attention, the National Incident Information Center at NIFC is opened to facilitate these requests. Throughout the year, NIFC serves as the national center for wildland fire information. For more information about NIFC, go to: <http://www.nifc.gov>.

NIFC is now seeking detailers to staff the National Incident Information Center in the event the summer fire season merits its opening. Individuals who are qualified as Incident Information Officers and Public Affairs Specialists with experience and background in fire information are encouraged to consider this opportunity. Individuals with backgrounds in legislative and public affairs, crisis information management, and general public contact work who are seeking to gain wildland fire information officer experience are also encouraged to apply.

Assignments to the National Incident Information Center at NIFC are tentatively scheduled from the first week of June and extend through September 2005. Again, an exact date of the center's opening is dependent upon wildland fire activity and it is often difficult to predict. Once selected, nominees will receive a confirmation letter and should keep their assigned dates open in the event that they are needed to staff the Center. **(Please keep in mind, your assistance may not be needed depending upon fire conditions and media interest).** Applicants are then listed as "on-call" Information Officers for their assigned time period. Applicants do receive advance notice, and this can range from 24 hours to a week's time. Travel and per diem will be paid for by NIFC.

Timeframe: Nomination forms should be submitted no later than April 29, 2005, to Janelle Smith via e-mail at Janelle_Smith@blm.gov or via fax at 208-387-5386. Be sure to indicate the dates you are available.

Contact: For further information, please contact Janelle Smith at 208-387-5473.

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1 Attachment

1 - Incident Information Officer Nomination Form (1 p)

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